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### MAD NEGROES.

Harrison Will Not Recognize Them.

Their Journeys to the White Unsuccessful and Chagrining.

The President Treats Them Like Wards of the Nation.

Rather Than, as They Say, Like Men Who Elected Him.

The Black Man Is Being Taught a Lesson Which He Should Have Learned Long Ago-He is a Mere Tool.

Special Dispatch to The Appeal.

Washington, April 4 .- The colored delegations who have been up here from the South looking for patronage under this Administration are disgusted and indignant at the treatment which they have received at the hands of President Harrison when they have called on him at the White House, One of them said today to your correspondent, after a "President Hartrip of this sort: rison seems to look upon the negroes as wards of the nation rather than as members of the great party which elected him to the position he now holds; he treats us as though we were to be protected, and never seems to think that we ought to be considered in connection with office holding. He affects to look on us with pity and sympathy, but will not recognize us as men and Republi-

The negroes are very hot at this sort of trentment.

Rejection of Bond Offers.

WASHINGTON, April 4.-The action of Secretary Windom today in rejecting large offerings of 41 per cent. bonds at 1081. 108] and 108] is regarded at the Treasury Department as indicating his purpose of not paying over 108 for these bonds, for the present at least. When asked this afternoon why he had not accepted any of today's offers, the Secretary replied: "The rates were too high," and declined to say anything more on the subject. A prominent official of the department, however, said today that it was strange that there were so few offerings of 4 per cents., as there was no good reason for supposing there was no good reason for supposing today and a few each day until the force the Secretary would not buy bonds of that of employes is reduced to the number reloan, provided they are offered at reasonable rates. The last offer of 4 per cents, was at 129. It was rejected, the official said, because it was above the prevailing market rates and not necessarily because the Secretary does not wish to apply any of the surplus to the payment of that particular loan, se has been conjectured. believed Secretary Windom will outline his policy in this matter more definitely in a few days. He has been busy with so many other matters up to this time that he has not been able to give it the considera-

A Quiet Day for the President.

WARHINGTON, April 4.-This was the President's lightest day so far as callers were concerned. They made up in talk, however, what they lacked in numbers and kept the President listening throughout the entire time devoted to business, Among those who saw the President were Attorney-General Miller, Senator Hiscock and friends, Senator Spooner, Representatives Allen, Burton and Butterworth, with Mr. Lewis Seasongood and daughter, Representative Coleman and friends and Representative Brower and friends, Walter Howard, applicant for the Governorship of Alaska: Justice William Strong, J. R. G. Pitkin, of New Orleans; Senator Wolcott and Representatives Osborne, Thomas and Kinzey. Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, the new Minister to England, called about noon, in company with Sena-tor Cullom, and had a short interview with the President. Gen. James A. Eakin, United States Army; Rev. W. W. Burr, Rev. D. W. Collins, Representatives of the Board of Foreign musions for the United Presbyterian Church, called, in company of Dr. Joseph S. Cooper.

No News From the Ningle.

WASHINGTON, April 4 .- No news has been received by officers of the Navy Department up to 7:30 o'clock this evening in regard to the floating of the Nipsic at Samoa. The announcement through the Associated Press that the vessel had been floated was received with a great deal of satisfaction by Secretary Tracy and the bureau officers of the Navy Department. That's good news; that's good. I am glad to hear it," said the Secretary, and his face indicated as well as his words the pleasure the tidings gave him.

Commodore Waiker, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, was also highly gratified at intelligence. "That's a gain of one, "If we can get her affont and sent to Auckland and repaired it will be doing very well. I am glad to hear that she is floated. The Nipsic is a good boat, a very good one of her kind," He did not think it likely that the Trenton or Vandalia could be saved, as the dispatches in-

dicated they were too badly damaged. The Lydecker Court Martial,

WASHINGTON, April 4. - Maj. Davis, the judge advocate of the Lydecker Court Martial, is hard at work upon the record of the proceedings. He expects to be able to report the findings of the court to Secretary Proctor tomorrow evening. They will then be sent to the Judge Advocate General's office for examination and report, and upon these recommendations the secretary may form his conclusions lecide whether or not the findings of the court shall be approved. Although the formal order of dissolution has not yet been made, and will not be until the findings of the court have been finally acted upon, it is understood that no other busi-ness will come before it, and the members will be permitted to return to their stations.

Appointments.

WASHINGTON, April 4 .- The Attorney-General has appointed Herbert Hoss, of Indians, to be law clerk of the Department of Justice, vice N. T. N. Robinson, resigned, and O. P. M. Hubbard, of the same State, to be stenographer and confi-dential accretary, vice Miss Lyda M. Buit, He was a leading German citizen.

J. G. Meem, Chief of the Computing Division of the Treasury Archi-tect's office, has resigned, and F. W. Pease, of Massachusetts, has been selected for the position. Mr. Pease was formerly in the office, but was dismissed by the last ad-

The Case of Herman Kempinski.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Secretary of State has been informed by a United States Charge d'Interim at St. Petersburg that due action has been taken at the request of this Government for the liberation of Herman Kempinski, the American citizen arrested on December 24 last in Poland on a charge of having evaded military duty in Russia, of which country he was a native. There are features in this case that make it probable that a favorable anwayer may soon be returned by the Russian Government.

Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, April 4 .- Postmasters appointed today: Tennessee-R. T. Porter, Maury City, Crockett County; Smith Park, Newburn, Dyer County; R. C. Robinson, Southville, DeKalb County; J. J. Jacobs, Capling, DeKalb County; J. W. Brosweil, oakeville, Putnam County; M. A. Starks, Doweltown, DeKalb County; D. D. Overall, Liberty, DeKalb County. Alabama-James D. Eget, Edgar, Walker County; R. L. Jones, Day Gap, Walker County.

Capital Notes. Hamilton Reeves, Jr., of New York, has been appointed Assistant Chief Clerk of

the Pension Bureau. C. F. Clarkson, Jr., of Iowa, has been appointed private secretary to the First-Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Government of Chili has formally signified its intention to participate in the ongress of American nations, to be held

Washington this year. Miss Ida Murphy, daughter of a promi-nent physician of St. Paul, arrived here vesterday afternoon as the guest of Mrs. Harrison at the White House.

Mr. Robert T. Lincoln called upon the President and Secretary Blaine vesterday and formally accepted the English mussion. He will sail for England about the 15th of

James A. Vose, of Maine, who, for fourteen years prior to the incoming of the last administration, was appointment clerk of the Postoflice Department, has been reappointed to his old position.

Bids were opened at the Treasury De partment yesterday for under-pinning and concrete work on the Philadelphia mint. Four bids were received, the lowest being that of Paul J. Essiek & Sons, of Phila-

delphia, at \$3,831. The reduction of the force at the Gov-ernment printing office, which usually fol-lows an adjournment of Congress, began yesterday. About fifty employes were discharged. There will be more discharged quired during the recess.

#### A FATAL QUARREL

TAKES PLACE NEAR COVINGTON. IN WHICH A MAN IS KILLED.

A Young School Teacher Named Billings Kills in Self-Defense a Well-Known Man Named Yarbro-Dispute Over a Fence.

Covingron, Tenn., April 4 .- The details of a homicide which occurred near Burleson yesterday have just been received. Mr. D. S. Billings and A. Yarbro were neighbors and owned adjoining lands. A dispute arose over the establishment of a line between them. Billings had built his fence upon the line established by the surveyor and Yarbro tore it down as fast as built. Yesterday, it seems, Billings had gone to

the disputed territory for the purpose of rebuilding his fence, and as a matter of precaution, had taken his ouble-barreled shotgun along. About 11 o'clock Yarbro appeared upon the scene and a dispute arose. Angry words were used, and Yarbro advanced upon Billings with a drawn knife, at which Billings retreated in the direction of his gun, with Yarbro following. On the way, Yarbro espied an axe, and closing his knife, he took the axe and continued to advance, whereupon Billings took up the gun and fired both barrels into his body at short range, making ghast'y wounds, from which Yarbro instantly died.

Mr. Billings at once surrendered to the district authorities and upon trial was acquitted upon a plea of self defense. Mr. Billings is a well known and popular young gentleman, a teacher in our public school and has many friends. Yarbrowas equally well known, having been at one time Tax Collector of the county and held other important positions. He was inclined to be quarreleome and turbulent at times. The occurrence is deeply regretted.

THE MYSTERY BOLVED. The Killing of Meadows at Birmingham

Ferretted Out. special Dispatch to The Appeal,

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 4 .- About two months ago the dead and decayes body of white man, afterward identified as J. W. Meadows, was found in a cave on the south highlands. The man had been dead for weeks, and his relatives after a day or two gave up all idea of finding who his murderers were. Detective Cunningham has been at work on the case ever since, however, and today arrested four negroes, Lawrence Johnson, Henry Joe, Lindsay Malachy and Gilbert Lowe, The officer says he has evidence to prove the fol-lowing facts: On the night that he was murdered Meadows was drinking. These four negroes and one other ap-proached him and offered to take him to

a house of ill-repute. They led him over on the hill, and he fell asleep while rest-ing. They robbed him and fled. Fearing, however, that their victim might on recovering identify them as his robbers, the negroes turned back, killed Meadows and threw his body in the pit. They then covered it up with leaves, and it lay consealed until two or three weeks afterward hogs rooted the leaves away and disclosed the decayed remains. The negroes will

be given a preliminary trial on the 12th.

A Brewer Snieldes. LOUBVILLE, Ky., April 4 .- Jacob Hornung, a New Albany brewer, committed suicide last evening by shooting himself through the head with a revolver while sitting in his office. Financial embarrass-ment was the cause, as he had been hard

SWEEPING FIRES.

Hamlets, Towns and Crops Destroyed

Awful Destruction in Dakota by Relentless Prairie Fires.

Over \$2,000,000 Worth of Property Already Destroyed.

Desperate Fighting of Citizens to Save Their Homes.

Indescribable Terror Takes Possession of the People-Wonderful Rapidity of the Spreading Flames-A Tobacco Pipe the Cause.

man who has stood before a prairie fire and tried to stay its awful rush and roar appreciate its almost resistless force. The fires that have brought so much loss and suffering to Southeastern Dakota in the last few days were practically irresistible. Flames in some instances leaped over 100 feet of plowed ground and rushed away again on their career of destruction. All ordinary precautions were vain. The spring has been very dry and the top of the ground has been dusty or baked. The signal observer at Yankton says that the humidity of the air was but 7 per cent. Tuesday, a condition of dryness never before attained. As the mean annual humidity is 70, this shows that 'the atmosphere was practically devoid of moisture. Then the wind from the northeast blew between forty and fifty miles an hour, fanning the flames into fury.

Under these conditions wherever fire ouched the grass it bursted out with a flash almost like powder, and shot away across the prairie like an arrow, its course ever widening. To extinguish it by water, of course, was out of the question. . Plowing fire breaks was slow work, and the high winds often drove the flames across

It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the people of Mount Vernon saw the widespreading prairie northwest of them break out in a blaze. The smoke was dashed into and through the town on the wings of the wind. The flames rushed after with savage fury. Mitchell was telegraphed to for help, and 100 firemen with a hook and ladder were sent at once. The entire popdation of Mount Vernon and the men from Mitchell met the furious flames on the outskirts of the town and fought with desperation, but in vain. No lives were lost, but forty-five buildings were burned and 100 families left homeless. The loss is put at \$30,000. Outside of the town it is impossible yet to say what the loss is. Lonely little farm houses scattered over the prairie are wiped out by dozens. Sto-ries of losses of life may come in later. As near as can be estimated this morning the losses in South Dakota will reach \$2,000,-

The Destruction of Irols. ABERDEEN, D. T., April 4.-The terrible story of the complete destruction of Leola, the county seat of McPherson County, has fire. Several head of horses were saved b en brough in by courier. Leola was a fine little town of 300 inhabitants, and the country for miles around was well settled with an industrious and thrifty people. It is twenty-five miles from railroad and telegraph factities, and it is difficult to get complete information. Out of thirty places of business, including two banks, two newspapers, two churches, three or four hotels, and all lines of business, but four are left standing, and out of thirty to forty residences less than a dozen remain. The loss is practically complete and will reach 50,000. The insurance was very light. W. Old and Thomas Wordell were terribly burned, and the couriers say they

cannot live.

Parties who drove across the country to Westport, the nearest railroad station, say the surrounding country is nearly devas-tated. Hundreds of farmhouses are in ashes and carcasses of burned stock are lying along the road. The news continues to come in slowly and shows the details of a great disaster. It is probable that one-tenth of the damage is not yet reported. The injured men, Old and Wardell, accounts were very low. Editors Herried and Beach, of Leola, are in the city. They will publish their paper in Aberdeen at present. Nothing definite is known about rebuilding. Citizens here will hold a meeting this afternoon to take measures Scores of farmers are without seed wheat, stock, buildings or imple ments to commence spring work.

About Yankton.

YAKKTON, D. T., April 4 .- The stories of the terrible losses by the hurricanes of fire that swept over the country north of here continue to come in. Columns might be written of the horrors of the last few days and the heroic struggles to save home and property that the farmers have worked

so hard to secure. Volin village has only three buildings standing; Olivet, Hutchinson County, was burned; Pukwanna was wiped out. losers in Yankton County are: M. M. Joanson, R. Y. Anderson, F. Ott, Mrs. Stockwell, R. Pringle, J. F. Olson, David Perley, James Hoxing, John Bundershot, Leroy Jencks, M. Holbrook, E. S. Volin, A. H. Volin, Joseph Beckmeir, Henry Bake, Charles Stencel, Wm. Randall, S.

M. Howe. In the vicinity of Jamesville, twelve miles north of Yankton, eight farmers sus-tained losses running from \$1,000 to \$3,000 each. Among these were N. Johnson Charles Houk, Wallace Bros. and E. C. Cook. Around Jamesville the loss will foot up \$10,000. One man lost \$1,900 in money, which he had in his coat on a piece of plowed ground 300 feet from the Two new wagons were burned 100 feet from the fire. Sixty miles of Western Union wires were blown down between

Centerville and Huron,

About Scotland. SCOTLAND, D. T., April 4.—It would take \$200,000 to cover the loss in this county. The Hutchinson Herald office was burned. The losses amount to \$35,000, with less than \$0,000 insurance. David Ischettar and Howard White, farmers, near Olivet, were completely burned out. Another fire east of Scotland, destroyed everything on the farms of A. O. Fransky, Gus Evenson the farms of A. O. Fransky, Gus Evenson

and M. Shook. On the stock farm of E. S. Sweet three barns were burned; loss, \$3,000. Twelve miles east of Scotland a prairie fire raged. Twenty-five farmers are known to have lost everything.

BLUNT, D. T., April 4.- The stories of the fury of the fire continue to be brought into town by stragglers. They say that the wind would gather up the loose tinder and burling it high in the air carry it ahead of the surface fire, alighting on barns and houses and igniting the prairie Houses and barns were burned where the fire was carried over 100 yards across new broken ground. The losses are estimated at \$200,000 in this vicinity.

It Started From a Pipe. HIGHMORE, D. T., April 4.-A destructive and calamitous prairie fire started on the evening of the 1st, five miles from Highmore, on the farm of James Ingram. While he was smoking his pipe his barn MITCHES, D. T., April 4 .- Nobody but caught fire and was destroyed. A fierce wind earried the fire to the prairie and the work of destruction began. Houses, barns when it is fanned by a fresh breeze can and some stock were burned. Tuesday morning the wind reached a terrific gale. No ordinary fire-break made any resistance to the sweeping wall of flame. o'clock p.m. the fire reached Reed Hights, fifteen miles east of Highmore, where thir teen residences in the town were destroyed. The estimated losses in Hyde County are \$3,000. At sundown Tuesday another fire started in the northern part of this county, sweeping away six homes, and burning to death Miss Annie Sweeney and a five-year-old baby. Eugene Tibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Tibbs, and Mrs. and Miss Ruby are dangerously burned. The two former are fatally wounded. The loss will reach many thousand dollars.

Other Accounts.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 4. - During he last two days South Dakota and Minnesota have been awept by a series of wind storms which have caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage to property, and several lives have been lost. The storm started Monday night and swept over a large area south of the Northern Pacific road in Dakota and extending into the Southern tiers of counties in this State. The greatest damage has not been caused by the wind alone, but in many places, fires, fanned into fury by the storms, have wiped out of existence several small villages and hundreds of farmers' houses. The towns almost completely destroyed are Volin, Olivet, Pukwana, Lesterville and Mount Vernon, and three or four other villages were badly damaged. At Volin every house in the place, except three, is demolished and 100 people are without homes tonight. Lesterville was flattened to the ground and twenty families are without a roof. A terrible gale of wind struck Mount Vernon and fire started from a small house that was blown over early last night. No human power could stop the flames, and in an hour the usiness portion of the place was one great raging fire. Nearly 200 families are home-

raging are. Searly 22 lamines are none-less and the loss will folt up \$200,000.

It is reported that several persons lost their lives in this fire, but no confirmation has yet been received. Four large eleva-tors and the Milwaukee Depot were des-troyed. Near Blunt one man last 500 head by swimming the river. In many places the crops were covered by the loose sand and dust and will have to be replanted. Travel was suspended on some lines of road, so great was the force of the wind. The clouds of dust prevented engineers from seeing the track. A report from Gary says the sun was almost totally obscured, and the superstitious thought the end of the world had come. Farm houses and barns were swept away, and horses and cattle were burned to death by scores. Near Milbank, fifty head of live stock are reported lost, and the fire bas swept over twenty miles of the country eausing im mense loss. The storm has abated some what, but the wind is yet high enough to keep the fire burning fiercely, and further heavy losses are almost certain. The damage in Minnesota is much less than in Da kots, as the force of the storm was pretty well spent before it reached the boun-

A dispatch from Yankton, Dak., says The records of the signal office show that during the prevalence of the fires in this region, the humidity was but 7 per cent, a condition of dryness Sergeant Oswell says, never before attained in this region. The maximum humidity is 100, the mean mnual humidity here 70. This shows that the atmosphere was almost devoid of moisture. The velocity of the wind was forty-six miles an hour. The loss in South Dakota will foot up \$5,000,000 at a low calculation.

A Whole Black Burned,

NELSON, Neb., April 4.-Fire originating in a butcher shop yesterday burned a whole block of fourteen buildings, including a hotel, two drugstores, three groceries, one hardware and one general merchandise store. Loss, \$50,000.

Ten Million Feet of Lumber Destroyed. HANNIDAL, Mo., April 4.—Ten million feet of lumber in the yards of the Empire Lumber Company and several small residences were destroyed yesterday by a fire started by sparks from a locomotive. The losses aggregated \$100,000, with insurance

Iron-Works Destroyed.

WEST SCHLEIOR, Wis., April 4.-Fire ast night destroyed the building and contents of the Standard iron works. Loss, \$45,000; no insurance. Strothman ers, the owners, my they will rebuild on a larger scale.

A Postmaster Skips. ELMIRA, N. Y., April 4. George W. Ward, assistant postmasier in this city, has disappeared, and \$1,500 in government funds are reported missing. Ward took Eric train No. 5 for the West Wednesday morning. He was appointed under a pre-vious administration and was retained by Postmarter Babcock on civil service reform principles. Ward is married and has a family in the city.

Sen. Jacob Sharpe Besigns. MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 4. - Gen. Jacob Sharpe has resigned as Governor of the National Soldiers' Home in this city, and Gen. Kilburn Knox succeeds him in that

BOULANGER'S CASE.

The Government Requests His Trial.

The Chamber of Deputies Assent and Proceed to Act.

ry Out the Prosecution. The Charges Against the General

A Committee Is Appointed to Car-

The Indictment Charges Him With Attempting the Destruction of the Republic and Overthow of

he Government,

Are Very Serious."

Pagis, April 4.—The Ministry have asked the Chamber of Deputies to sanction the prosecution of Gen. Boulanger. In making the request the Government submitted a statement to the Chamber, in which it reviews the career of Gen. Boulanger since the Commune, and charges him with attempting the destruction of the Republic. It declares that his offense comes under the sections of the penal code dealing with conspiracy, and attempts to overthrow the established Government.

The Boulangists and members of the Right denounced M. Meline, the President of the Chamber, for reading the Government's statement relative to Boulanger, and calling upon the Minister of Justice to read his own work.

The Chamber of Deputies agreed to the immediate assembling of the Bureau for the purpose of electing a committee on the prosecution of Gen. Boulanger.

A committee was appointed and subsequently presented its report to the Chamer. The committee advised the House to authorize the prosecution of Boulanger, M. Laguerre, M. Laisant and M. Le Herisse have gone to Brussels to consult with Gen. Boulanger. M. Laguerre, be-fore his departure, said that he and his sociates would return on Saturday and

ace judgment.
The Chamber voted urgency for the disussion of the accusations against Gens Boulanger, and the debate proceeded.

M. Paul de Cassagnac pronounced the the charges against Gen. Boulanger an issue of absurdity and falsehood. He declared that the real arbiter between Bou-

anger and the Government was universal Premier Tirard called upon the Cham ber to authorize the prosecution of Bou-langer. He said: "We desire to prosecute a man who is seeking to overthrow the Republic. It is our duty to defend the institutions of our country against the intrigues of factions and to take every means to safeguard France from the

rors of civil war. I am convinced that the people will justify the action of the rament. After speeches by other members, a vote was taken on the question of sanctioning the prosecution of Gen. Boulanger. The posult was adverse to Boulanger, the Chamber deciding by a vote of 355 to 203 in favor of prosecution.

Boulangism at an End.

Radical journals declare that Boulangism ended with the flight of Gen. Boulanger, but that the prosecution of the General

must continue. The Journal Des Debats says: mainess and folly, which would have ruined anybody else, that made Gen. Bou-langer's fortune, and it is impossible to predict that 's recent weak proceeding will ruin or diminish his prestige.

The Parnett Commission. London, April 4.—Sir Charles Russell ontinued his speech in behalf of the Farnellites before the Parnell Commission today. He explained the constitution and bjects of the League formed by Mr. Davitt, of which Mr. Parnell was Presi dent, and said that of the persons con stituting the executive of the League, one; five were connected with secret organiza-tions. The League's appeals, he declared, were based upon the necessities of the farmers and we entirely constitutional. They were formed to guide the farmers in their distress. He pointed out that Mr. Parnell and his followers had been vilitied

Sir Charles Russell said that prominent members of the League were in favor of boycotting, which, up to a certain point, they considered to be justifiable and right. He held that Mr. Parnell was not liable criminally or otherwise, unless he was a party to murder and outrage as a part of the agreed objects of the League,

Further Advices From Stanley. BEUSELE, April 4.-Advices received here from Stanley Falls state that Araba who have arrived there report that Henry M. Stanley and Emin Pusha were heard from in February. They were then marching toward Zanzibar with several thousand men, women and children. They also had tusks of ivory. brought news of Stanley and Emin arrived at Stanley Falls in February. They claimed to have seen Stanley several months before that time.

Supreme Court Becisions, JACKSON, Tenn., April 4.—The Supreme

Stratmann vs. Andrews; affirmed, Sanford vs. Leaton; affirmed. Black & Co. vs. Jackson; reversed; judg-

Court disposed of the following cases to-

ment here upon note. Erie Dispatch vs. Johnson & Guinee; af-McDonald vs. Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad Company; reversed and

Hill & Sons vs. Applewhite & Co.; af-Parker vs. Wilson; under advisement. Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company va. Scott; under advisement, Cannon vs. Wheeler; judgment of the

Court below modified.

The Calliope at Sydney. SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 4.—The British man-of-war Calliope, which escaped possible destruction in Apia Bay during the ravages of the cyclone there on March held yester-pe's resigna-th. 15 and 16 by being able to put to sea, has arrived here. She reports leaving Samoa on March 21, and that the United States

man-of-war Nipsic had been floated off of the beach, the natives lending material as sistance.

Before the hurricane burst every pre-caution had been taken by the commander of the Calliope to render the vessel secure. Five anchors had been dropped, but when the storm was at its hight four of the anchor chains snapped, and the vessel began to drift. The captain then determined to leave the reefs and, if possible, reach the open sea. This be eventually suc-ceeded in doing, working his way out at the rate of half a knot an hour. Tremendous seas broke over the vessel, inflicting much damage, but fortunately not a life was lost. Thousands of people flocked to the water side to see the Calliope and all united in praising the plucki ness of her captain.

AN AMERICAN SUICIDES

In London-It Proves to be the Rev. Charles Sidney Hurd, of Boston. LONDON, April 4.-The Rev. Charles Sidney Hurd, lately of the Palmerston Unitarian Chapel, Boston, committed suicide by taking opium in the Euston Hotel, London, on Sunday last. Last week Mr. Hurd wrote to the Rev. Stopford Brook, asking pecuniary assistance. Mr. Brook made inquiries, and promised to pay Mr. Hurd's passage to Boston on Monday, although Mr. Hurd was a stranger to him.

At the inquest on the body today a letter dated Saturday, from Mr. Hurd to Mr. Brook, was read. In this the unfortunate man thanks Mr. Brook for his kindness and apologizes for having troubled him.

The lotter concludes

"The sole way by which I can escape
my difficulties is through the gates of death.
I am the most unlucky mortal on earth. Give my body to a medical school for dis-section. My brother's address is No. 4 Parker street, Malvern, Mass."

The jury rendered a verdict of insanity. Mr. Brook will not allow the body to be dissected, and will defray the expenses of

What He Was. Boston, Mass., April 4.—Regarding Charles Hurd, whose death by suicide is reported from London, it is learned that he left New York March 15 on business for the Northern Pacific Railroad, by whom he had been employed for several months past, in writing a book descrip-tive of Washington Territory. His brother, Mr. S. C. Hurd, resides in Maiden, Mass., and believes that theory of suicide is groundless. Deceased was a young man, in excellent health when he left home, in excellent health when he and with excellent prospects. He has been troubled with nervous pains, and has been in the habit of taking morphine to relieve them, and it is believed by his brother that his death was due to taking an overdose. Word was received of the death on Monday, and instructions were at once cabled, but nothing in the London dispatch indicates suicide. He was twen-

# INTO A FIERY FURNACE

THE AWPUL DEATH OF A BIRMING-HAM WORKINGMAN.

While Working at the Top of a Blast Furnace He Falls Into the Molton Metal and is Consumed in an Instant.

and Special Dispatch to The Appeal. RIBMINGHAM, Ala., April 4 .- A horrible ecident occurred at Sloss Furnace this sination of Col. Clayton has no po norning. William Dallas and several fellow-workmen were on top of the furrace at work, and when the work was finshed the men started to go down, Dallas behind the others. His companions heard a scream, and turning around were horrified to see that Dallas had fallen into the redhot furnace. The unfortunate man was burned to death before any assistance could reach him. The charred corpse was gotten out as quickly as possible. The furnace was in blast and the men were making repairs on the top with the The dead man was about twentyive years old and unmarried.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 4. - The leader of gang of firebugs who have been fleecing nsurance companies was arrested in this city yester ay. The fact was kept secret, as the officials hoped to secure the arrest of another member of the gang. The prisoner, Bernard Blume, was taken to and misrepresented like Mesers. Bright and Cobden were in the early days of Brooklyn, where three other members of the gang, Frederick Feight, Frederick Fround and Frank Dussing, are in custody. The method of the gang was to rent stores, put in a small stock, and obtain a heavy insurance on the stock and axtures. When preparations were made for the incendiary blaze a lamp would be broken. Near it were placed bladders filled with benzine, and around a bladder a circle of gunpowder. A slow fuse was used to ignite the powder, which exploded the bladder, and like a flash the place would be ablaze, leaving no trace of ncendiary work except the broken lamp to deceive the insurance people. The occupants of the store would, of course, b cupants of the store wo absent the night of the fire, attending a social gathering at the home of one of the other conspirators to prove an alibi. The gang is charged with having started two fires in Brooklyn, and Chief Murphy be-lieves they have been operating in Jersey City. Blume was located at 21 Porter street, and between the mattresses were found twenty-two bladders. The gang are Anarchists, and belong to the Chicago

A Man Fatally Burned.

Das Motres, Ia., April 4 .- As an engine was passing a barn belonging to Daniel Hogan, a farmer living nine miles west of Manilla, Crawford County, a spark set fire to the lay, destroying the barn with all its contents. Mr. Hogan attempted to get out his stock and white so engaged the barn fell upon him, inflicting fatal burns. Many of his neighbors were badly burned in trying to rescue him from the flames.

Struck by on Engine.

Peressuna, Pa., April 4.-Col. Richard Long, tresurer of the Long Spring Truss Company of Chicago, was struck by an Erie & Pittsburg engine, on the Fort Wayne road, in Allegheny City, and it is thought fatally injured. He had just alighted from a street car and started down the railroad tracks to walk to the Fort Wayne depot to meet a friend when the accident happened.

Dr. McCosh Continues to Improve. PRINCETON, N. J., April 4.—Dr. Mc-Cosh's condition continues to impress.

# CLAYTON'S MURDER.

Mr. C. R. Breckinridge Hard at Work

He Is Making Every Effort to Find the Assassin.

He Even Furnishes Sums of Money to Hunt Down the Coward.

And States That He Will Procure as Much as Is Needed

For the Purpose of Carrying Out the Search-He Defends the People of His District In a Manly Way-Dan

Richmond Only a Boy.

Layria Rock, Ark., April 4.—Congress-

Special Disputch to The Appeal

man C. R. Breekinridge came up from his home at Pine Bluff today and returned home this evening. He had an interview with Gov. Eagle during the day about the efforts being made to catch the assassin of J. M. Clayton. When Mr. Breckinridge was here some days ago he conferred with the Governor on this subject, and finding him in possession of information that needed to be followed up, but without funds for that use, he at once supplied the Governor with the necessary funds and promised to procure more. Yesterday he turned in more money and told the Governor to let him know when he needed additional funds, and to speak as often as he needed money and for all he needed, and he (Breckinridge) would undertake to go over the Second District and raise as many thousands of dollars as were needed to exhaust all human efforts to bring the guilty to justice. Mr. Breckinridge indignantly resents the idea that the people are in sympathy with crime. He recognizes, however, that however few the incidents of crime have been, this Clayton case has become in some way a test case of the resolute intention of the people to protect society where crime has a passion or a prejudice against someone, living or dead, to divert the public purpose. He says that the people of Arkansas are not a people to execute the laws or to permit them to be executed in a passionate or a pertisian spirit, and ex-presses the opinion that the people of Conway County and of every other county in his district will prove equal to this need of civilization and society. He does not doubt that the murderers will be caught and thinks that the lapse of time is no ovidence of their security or of diminished public determination. It is evident that Mr. Breckinridge has continence in his people and that he is determined to stand by them and to stand by the Governor throngi every difficulty and need.

## THE SMITH MURDER,

Dan Richmond, Itis Slayer, Is Only a Boy of Seventeen Years,

LATTLE ROCK, Ark., April 4 .- Gov. Engle received another letter from Plummerville, Conway County, today, in regard to the killing of Joe Smith last week. The writer connection Richmond has with the assassignificance whatever, so an as Richmond's father lives in Scott County, Richmond's father lives the writer says, and and is a Republican, the writer says the boy being only seventeen years old has never affiliated with any party, nor is he known at Plummerville.

MISSISSIPPI GUBERNATORIAL RACE. It Is Being Opened in Earnest-There Are Some Forty Aspirants.

ceial Disputch to The Appeal. JACKSON, Miss., April 4 .- Col. Bobert H. Taylor, of Panola, prominent candidate for Governor, has been in this city for the last two days looking after some cases he has as attorney pending in the Supreme Court. His friends claim that he enters the subernatorial contest with flying colors, and will be hard to beat, if beaten at all. He has a first class political, civil and military record, is of modest demeanor and a gentlemen of high attainments. Ho has, however, quite a number of oppo-nents of equal merits. The gubernatorial contest is beginning to open up in carnest, and after the time for holding the State convention has been fixed, it may expect to be a warm one. The Executive Com-mittee meets April 10 to fix the time for the State Convention. Forty odd persons have been mentioned as possessing all the attainments necessary for Governor, and it is thought that there will be at least eight or ten active candidates and twice as many dark horses.

A Mysterious Killing.

ial Disputch to The Appeal. HELENA, Ark., April 4 .- A colored woman, named Mary Holmes, living at Holly Grove, about thirty-five miles from here, in Monroe County, was found last night, near Holly Grove, in an insensible condition, where, from all appearances, she had been dragged by her murderers and left to die. About a half hour later she died. She was dressed in male attire when found. There were several wounds and bruises about her face and head, which indicated that she had been struck with some heavy instrument. A murder is suspected, and suspicion points to several parties about Holly Grove, although no arrests have yet been made

A Demented Boy Drowned.

ecial Dispatch to The Appe HELENA, Ark., April 4 .- About two weeks ago old man Williams, a farmer living about three miles from town, sent his son, named Anderson Williams, aged nineteen years, and somewhat demented, to drive the cows up. Nothing was heard of the boy until yesterday. Notices were placed in the papers and hand-bills dis-tributed asking for the papers. tributed, asking for information concerning him. Yesterday evening some parties fishing in Cassidy's Lake discovered the boy's body floating in the lake. It is supposed that while waiking near the lake he mistook the moss, which grows near the bank, for a solid surface and went over his head and was drowned.

A Marriage at Helena,

HELENA, Ark., April 4.-Mr. Fred Sands ston and Miss Amanda Pierson were married by the Rev. G. M. Pepkin, at the residence of Mr. Johnson, of this city.